

Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation Project

Community Engagement Report



November 2023

Project Background

Ryan's Reserve located at Broad Gully Road, Diamond Creek will be rejuvenated to create a fantastic new community park with funding received as part of the Victorian Governments 'Growing Suburbs Fund'. It will cater to more diverse groups and provide opportunities for all ages and abilities to participate.

The draft concept plans included;

- Accessible and tailored pathways
- Bins to be located near BBQ areas
- Drinking fountain
- Exercise area and equipment
- Large play structure
- New soccer goals
- New accessible toilet block (includes two ambulant cubicles and one all access cubicle)
- New shelters, picnic table and seating
- Performance stage
- Perimeter fence
- Sensory play

The existing shelter and BBQ area will be updated with a new base and BBQ and the half basketball hoop will remain.

How we engaged

As per Councils' funding agreement and in line with Councils engagement policy, community consultation on the concept design was undertaken from 31 July – 20 August 2023.

Community members had the opportunity to speak to feedback at the Planning and Consultative Committee meeting held on 12 September 2023.

Consultation response

The *Participate Nillumbik* web page received over 1,000 views with 96 survey responses submitted.

One speaker attended the Planning and Consultative Committee meeting held on 12 September 2023.

What we heard

Three key questions were asked of the community to understand overall support for the design and what key elements were particularly liked and disliked.

See questions and response summary below:

Question 1:

Overall rating in support of the design at Ryan's Reserve (1 being not supportive and 10 being very supportive)

Response Options	Responses
respondents rated 10	37
respondents rated between 7 - 9	27
respondents rated between 5 – 6	4
respondent rated between 1 - 4	2
respondent rated 0	1

Question 2:

Which elements do you like in the concept plan? (Number of respondents who ticked)

Response Options	Responses
Large playground	79
Public toilets	74
New swings	70
New BBQ and picnic tables	68
New shelters	64
Open space	64
Perimeter fence	59
Quiet space with sensory play	53

Question 3:

Is there anything you dislike about the design? (Number of respondents who ticked)

Response Options	Responses
Performing stage	20
Public toilets	12
Concrete paths	11
Perimeter fence	10
New soccer goals	9

Some of the additional comments received:

- Consider including additional elements for young toddlers
- Consider including in-ground trampolines
- Consider including a pump track and jumps

How feedback has shaped final design:

- Toilets relocated closer to entry to not impede on open space
- Range of seating designs included throughout the site to accommodate various seating requirements
- Seating along north boundary relocated
- Proposed performing stage removed
- Proposed additional soccer goals removed
- Minor changes to pathway connections
- Minor changes to raised cargo net design within the playground
- Relocation of musical play area

Final design is available to view on the [Participate Nillumbik project page](#)